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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

3 December 1968

SUBJECT: Comments on COMIREX Questions Regarding Need for DISICS on CORONA Missions

1. Considering the revised schedule of DISIC missions set forth in a message from NRO dated 5 September 1968, No. 8077, (enclosed) which revised downward the number of DISICS to be omitted from four to three and proposes new launch dates for such missions, DIAMC has studied the problem of DISICS as set forth in paragraph 2.a. through 2.d. in memorandum of 24 June 1968 and proposes answers as follows in order of stated subparagraphs:

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- a. The revised schedule of missions omitting DISICS is considered satisfactory at this time and should be used for planning purposes, but modifications may be desirable at some later time.
- b. If the revised schedule of missions without DISICS should be changed, it is anticipated that such a decision would be made well in advance of 25 days of launch. (NRO would be asked to supply more specific answer to this question in future MCGWG meeting.)
- c. Undetermined at this time, but likely the present program for omitting DISICS will be satisfactory.
- d. The SGLE tracking facility is expected to benefit general intelligence primarily, rather than MC&G requirements.

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